(*b*) 4,809 books were supplied to the libraries, after the libraries were transferred to the Minister's control.

(*c*) Rs. 8,320 (till 15th Makaram 1116), after the libraries were transferred to the Minister's control.

CENTRAL BANK—FREE SUPPLY OF STATIONERY

304. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will Government be kind enough to state whether they are supplying any stationery free to the Central Bank of India?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* No.

MATTANCHERI ROAD BRIDGE—CLOSING OF

305. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) for what purpose the Mattancheri road bridge was closed for traffic between the hours of 7-30 and 9-30 a.m. on 28th December 1940;

(*b*) whether their attention has been drawn to an advertisement dated 21st December 1940 published in "the Hindu" of Tuesday, December 24, 1940, regarding the closing of the bridge, as mentioned in question No. (*a*) above, by the Executive Engineer;

(*c*) will Government be pleased to state whether any other bridge in the State was or is so closed at any time?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) For works purposes.

(*b*) There was a notice published in "the Hindu".

(*c*) It is the practice everywhere to close bridges for constructional purposes.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS—CIRCULATION OF

306. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have any information regarding the present circulation of newspapers and other periodicals published in Cochin State;

(*b*) if not, will Government be pleased to ascertain from the publishers concerned the information required;

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(*c*) have Government any objection to publish such information every year in their Administration Report?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No answer is required in view of the answer to question No. (*a*).

(*c*) Government do not think that any public purpose will be served by doing so.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* May I know whether this information was published in the Administration Report of 1112?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes, this information was being given in the Administration Reports till the year 1112.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* May I know why it was stopped after 1112?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The information was objected to by some of the papers as being not correct.

Mr. President: Why should we give an advertisement regarding the circulation of papers? They have to pay for it.

NATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE—CIRCULAR REGARDING POLICY

307. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have issued any circular towards the end of last year in regard to the National Planning Committee in British India;

(*b*) if so, what is it;

(*c*) had Government extended their co-operation to the Committee at any time since its constitution;

(*d*) if so, has there been any change in that policy of late?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) to (*d*) The circular is confidential.

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